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DISCUSSIONS HELD EARLIER THIS MONTH WITH SOHYO INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT CHIEF DOKI CONCERNING POSSIBLE 3 OR 4-MAN SOHYO HEADQUARTERS TEAM UNDER FY78 LEP, AS DISCUSSED BY EMBASSY CULTURAL AFFAIRS OFFICER WITH ILAB (LONERGAN AND SMITH) AND AFL/CIO (ERNIE LEE) LAST FALL. DOKI STATED SOHYO ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT PROPOSAL AND WOULD AGREE TO PRESENT LEP FORMAT, I.E., TEAM PAYS OWN INTERNATIONAL ROUND-TRIP TRANSPORTATION.

ACCORDING TO DOKI, LIKELIHOOD IS THAT ONE OF SOHYO VICE PRESIDENTS WILL HEAD TEAM. HOWEVER, SINCE SOHYO WILL UNDERGO PERSONNEL RESHUFFLE AT NEXT CONVENTION IN AUGUST, DOKI WILL NOT HAVE NAMES OF NOMINEES BEFORE SOMETIME IN JULY. DOKI ALSO STATED TEAM PROBABLY CANNOT STAY IN US FOR FULL THIRTY DAYS; MORE LIKELY TWO TO THREE WEEKS. ANTICIPATE TIME OF VISIT EARLY SEPTEMBER 1978. ALTHOUGH VISIT SEVERAL MONTHS OFF, POST WISHES TO ALERT DEPARTMENT AND OTHERS INVOLVED OF POTENTIAL IMPACT OF VISIT. WE EXPECT THAT DOKI AND/OR SOHYO CHAIRMAN MAKIEDA WILL DISCUSS POSSIBLE TEAM WITH AFL-CIO MISSION DURING LATTER'S VISIT IN MARCH AND SUGGEST, THEREFORE, THAT MISSION MEMBERS BE BRIEFED ACCORDINGLY.

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